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OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE NIAGARA ANNUAL
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CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD AT KILWORTH, MID-
DLESEX COUNTY, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, MAY
16TH, 1855, AT 10 O'CLOCK, A. M.

QUESTION I.—*What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—Michael Benson, R. L. Tindall, James Draper,
Aaron Hunsburger, Henry J. Kilty, William Yokom, Richard
Yokom, W. S. Wright, George Hunt.

QUES. II.—*What Preachers remain on trial?*

ANS.—J. M. Collins, Charles Taylor, William Campbell,
James Gilray.

QUES. III.—*What Preachers are admitted into full con-
nection?*

ANS.—George Bennett, George Lawrence, M. D. Archer.

QUES. IV.—*Who are the Deacons?*

ANS.—Elijah Harris, James Curts, Eli Bartram, Thomas
Atkinson, Henry Taylor, Wm. Perritte, A. E. Griffith, J. M.
Collins, Elisha Draper, Charles Taylor, M. D. Archer. *

QUES. V.—*Who are the Elders?*

ANS.—James Richardson, John Bailey, Charles Pettis, C.
Sweazy, Barney Markle, Barnabas Brown, Emerson Bristol,
Gideon Shepard, John Gibson, William Woodward, Lewis P.
Smith, N. A. Fraser, B. Lawrence, D. Culp, J. Owen, J. W.
Byam, G. Turner, T. Webster, W. Cope, W. D. Hughson,
Schuyler Stewart, A. Jones, Samuel Morrison, Samuel Dun-
nett, Chester Fraser, G. P. Harris, I. B. Richardson, John
Tufford, J. W. Jacobs, Thomas Dawes, George Abbs, Wm.
F. Lowe, John Ormerod, John Wood, A. L. Thurstan, John
Hayward, John McLean, Sylvester Kerr, Edward Lounsbury,
George Bennett, R. B. Cook, George Lawrence, Nathan-
iel Roy, Henry Dockham, Amos Bradshaw, George Smith,
O. G. Collamore. *

* Ordained this year.

QUES. VI.—*Who are the General Superintendents ?*

ANS.—John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

QUES. VII.—*Who have located this year ?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. VIII.—*Who are the Supernumeraries ?*

ANS.—Schuyler Stewart, C. W. Fraser, Thomas Webster, Barnabas Brown, Caleb Sweazy.

QUES. IX.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers ?*

ANS.—Charles Pettis, Jesse Owen, Barney Markle, James Richardson, George Turner, David Culp, John Bailey, Elijah Harris.

QUES. X.—*Who have been expelled this year ?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. XI.—*Who have withdrawn this year ?*

ANS.—Thomas Robson.

QUES. XII.—*Were the Preachers' characters examined ?*

ANS.—This was strictly attended to.

QUES. XIII.—*Who have died this year ?*

ANS.—James Mitchel. (See Obituary notice.)

QUES. XIV.—*What are the numbers in Society ?*

ANSWER.

Darlington Circuit.....	165	Salifleet.....	132
Whitby.....	250	Charlotteville.....	65
Markham.....	112	Tuscarora Mission.....	174
Newmarket.....	124	London Station.....	131
Yonge Street.....	95	London Circuit.....	225
Toronto.....	228	Maitland Mission.....	76
Nelson.....	149	Stanley.....	50
Georgetown.....	312	St. Mary's.....	138
Oakwood.....	53	Southwold.....	120
Orangeville.....	34	Howard.....	120
Fergus.....	35	Thames.....	104
Hamilton Station.....	44	Sandwich Mission.....	71
Barton.....	100	St. Clair.....	125
Niagara.....	82	Bosanquet Circuit.....	135
Welland.....	74	Dumfries.....	253
Rainham.....	54	Blenheim.....	269
Canboro'.....	130	Oakland.....	150
Gainsboro'.....	150	Norwich.....	240

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Oxford.....	130	Arthur.....	62
Dorchester.....	225	Kincardine.....	65
Embro'.....	62	Collingwood Harbor.....	45
Malahide.....	125	Durham.....	50
Vienna.....	156	Melancthon.....	37
St. Vincent Mission.....	93		
Total.....			5819
Travelling Preachers.....			74
			5893
Total last year.....			5324
Increase this year.....			569

QUES. XV.—Where are the Preachers stationed this year ?

ANSWER.

TORONTO DISTRICT—J. B. RICHARDSON, P. E.

Darlington.—James Draper ; W. Pirritte, left without an appointment at his own request.

Whitby.—R. B. Cook ; C. W. Fraser, superannuated.

Markham.—G. Lawrence.

Newmarket.—G. Smith.

Nelson.—A. L. Thurstan ; one to be sent.

Yonge Street.—H. Dockham ; J. Richardson, superannuated.

Toronto.—J. Hayward ; one to be sent.

Orangeville.—J. M. Collins.

Oakwood.—To be supplied.

Georgetown.—J. Gilray ; C. Taylor.

Garafraza.—J. Foster.

NIAGARA DISTRICT—J. W. JACOBS, P. E.

Hamilton.—To be supplied ; G. Shepard, Editor ; S. Morrison, Book Agent ; T. Webster, Supernumerary.

Barton.—W. D. Brown.

Niagara.—H. Taylor ; one to be sent ; C. Swazey, Supernumerary.

Welland.—J. Wood ; one to be sent.

Rainham.—To be supplied.

Canboro'.—G. Bennett ; H. Kilty.

Gainsboro'.—E. Bartram ; one to be sent.

Saltfleet.—W. F. Lowe.

Tuscarora.—S. Dunnett.

Caledonia.—B. Brown, supernumerary.

OXFORD DISTRICT.—E. BRISTOL, P. E.

Dumfries.—J. McLean; one to be sent; B. Markle, superannuated; S. Stewart, supernumerary.

Blenheim.—J. Ormerod; one to be sent; W. Cope, supernumerary.

Oakland.—E. Lounsbury; J. Owen, superannuated.

Norwick.—J. Gibson; one to be sent.

Walsingham.—To be supplied.

Straffordville.—A. E. Griffith.

Houghton.—Wm. Yokom.

Vienna.—J. Curtis; E. Harris, superannuated.

Malahide.—W. D. Hughson; C. Pettys, superannuated.

Dorchester.—L. P. Smith; M. Benson.

St Mary's.—Thomas Dawes.

Oxford.—George Abbs; S. J. Wright.

Embro.—A. Hunsburger.

LONDON DISTRICT.—G. P. HARRIS, P. E.

London Station.—J. Tufford; J. Bailey, superannuated.

London Circuit.—A. Jones; one to be sent; David Culp, superannuated.

Maitland.—N. A. Fraser; one to be sent.

Stanley.—J. W. Byam.

Southwold.—Elisha Draper.

Howard.—T. Atkinson.

Thames.—B. Lawrence; one to be sent.

Sandwich.—To be supplied.

St. Clair.—R. Yokom.

Bosanquet.—N. Roy; one to be sent; G. Crossfield, left without an appointment at his own request.

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HURON DISTRICT.—W. WOODWARD, P. E.

St. Vincent.—S. L. Kerr ; one to be sent.

Arthur.—R. L. Tindall ; one to be sent.

Kincardine.—A. Bradshaw ; one to be sent.

Collingwood.—M. D. Archer.

Durham.—W. Campbell ; one to be sent.

Melancthon.—George Hunt ; one to be sent.

QUES.—XVI.—*When and where shall the next Conference be held ?*

ANS.—At Beverly Chapel, Wentworth County, to commence the 3rd Wednesday in May, 1856, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

QUES.—XVII.—*What is the amount of the Fifth Collection ?*

ANSWER.

Circuits.	Amounts.	Circuits.	Amounts.
Darlington	£1 17 6	Stanley	£1 11 6
Whitby	2 16 7	St. Mary's	1 5 9
Markham	1 15 0	Southwold	2 15 0
Newmarket	2 7 6	Howard	3 3 0
Yonge Street	2 10 0	Thames	2 15 0
Toronto	4 15 0	Sandwich	0 13 6
Nelson	4 16 8½	St. Clair	5 42 9½
Georgetown	6 5 3½	Bosanquet	4 5 0
Oakwood	0 7 9	Dumfries	3 0 0
Orangeville	0 10 0	Blenheim	2 6 7
Fergus	0 6 3	Oakland	1 10 0
Hamilton	0 7 6	Norwich	2 0 0
Barton	1 17 6	Oxford	1 10 10½
Niagara	0 0 0	Dorchester	2 0 0
Welland	1 15 9	Embro'	1 8 2
Rainham	1 2 1½	Malahide	2 11 3
Canboro'	0 18 6	Vienna	1 0 0
Gainsboro'	1 5 0	St. Vincent	0 15 0
Salfleet	1 8 10	Arthur	0 0 0
Charlotteville	1 10 0	Kincardine	1 2 6
Tuscarora	1 10 0	Collingwood Harbor	0 11 3
London Station	3 8 9	Durham	1 0 0
London Circuit	3 1 10½	Melancthon	0 0 0
Maitland	3 2 6		
			£92 15 0
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QUES. XVIII.—*To whom paid out?*

ANSWER.

G. Turner.....	£15	3	6	Widow Roy.....	7	11	11
D. Culp.....	15	3	6	Widow Huston.....	7	11	11
E. Harris.....	15	3	6	Widow Picket.....	7	11	11
J. Mitchel.....	15	3	6	Conference Stationery	0	7	6
J. Owen.....	15	3	6				
Total.....					£99	0	9

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Canada, within the bounds of the Niagara Annual Conference.

DEAR BRETHREN,—“Grace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord.”

We, the Ministers of our Lord Jesus Christ, and “your servants for Jesus’ sake,” having been permitted, in the providence of God, to assemble again in our Annual Conference, to confer with each other on matters pertaining to the interests of our Zion, and to consult upon measures for the furtherance of the Redeemer’s Kingdom in the world; and being about to separate and repair to our respective fields of labor for the ensuing year, take this opportunity to present unto you our Annual Pastoral Epistle.

It has pleased the Lord, in the exercise of his tender mercy, to watch over and preserve the lives of all his servants during the past year, with but one exception—that of our much beloved brother Mitchel—whom it has pleased God to take from us. But we have good grounds for believing that he died in the Lord, and now “rests from his labors.” For a more particular account of his life and labors, and his peaceful, happy end, we refer you to the obituary notice contained in the Minutes of Conference.

The present session of Conference has been characterized throughout by harmony and brotherly feeling, and by unanimity of views and action, as well as the despatch of business. It is highly gratifying to find ourselves, as a body of Christian Ministers, so closely and cordially united in one spirit and with one object and aim, in the prosecution of our great work—that of “spreading Scripture holiness throughout these lands.”

It is with no ordinary degree of satisfaction that we congratulate you, dear brethren, upon the present happy

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and prosperous state of our Zion. We are at peace among ourselves—our borders are enlarging, and our means and opportunities of usefulness are increasing from year to year—neat and commodious chapels and comfortable parsonages are being erected on most of the Circuits—our finances are improving, not only in respect to the means so liberally furnished for carrying on our missionary work, but also in providing a more adequate support for the laborers in the Lord's vineyard. These tokens of Divine favor—these indications of spiritual prosperity—these blessed and happy results of our mutual faith, our labors, and our prayers, are a source of great encouragement to us, and will, we trust, serve to stimulate us to increased zeal and diligence in our high and holy work.

The past year has been one of more than ordinary prosperity. Copious effusions of the Holy Spirit have been poured out in many places, and the divine blessing has, during the year, accompanied our unworthy labors in the vineyard of the Lord, resulting in the conversion of many precious souls, and in large accessions to the church. There has been a nett increase of nearly six hundred to our membership within the bounds of this Conference. Several young men of promise have been received into the traveling connexion; but the call for laborers is so great, that, in order to fill up the work a much larger number of supplies than usual will be required. "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest, that he may send forth laborers into his harvest."

But we must not look to our numerical strength alone for the evidence of prosperity and success in our work, but rather to that advancement in knowledge, intelligence and piety, and that maturity of christian grace and character, to which our societies in general may have attained. This must be regarded as the best and only sure ground of permanent and lasting prosperity. And while we hope that, in this respect, we have cause for encouragement, we trust, dear brethren, it will ever be your aim, like that of the Apostle, to "forget the things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, to press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We commend to your serious attention the Sabbath School, Bible, and Missionary Societies, as being vitally important to the interests of the church and the general prosperity of religion; and would express our hope that you will heartily

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We also recommend to your consideration our Book and Printing Establishment. This institution has had to contend, for many years, with serious difficulties and embarrassments; but we are happy in being able to say those embarrassments are now nearly surmounted, and there is every prospect that it will yet become a powerful auxiliary in promoting the moral and religious interests of the church to which we belong and the country in which we live. Your aid is still required, in order to give it strength and permanency, and to render it increasingly efficient in its operations. There are at this time about two thousand six hundred subscribers to the *Advocate*, but we trust your influence will be exerted to extend its circulation in the community. A supply of suitable books will be kept constantly on hand, from which you can replenish your libraries, and furnish yourselves and families with instructive and useful reading. We trust this institution will continue to receive your cordial support.

Another subject of great interest to us as a church, is the Belleville Seminary. This is a noble undertaking, creditable to the church and an honor to our land; and when completed will, we trust, meet the highest expectations of its projectors and patrons. So far the blessing of God has attended the means employed for attaining the end sought. The liberality of the people in behalf of this institution, both in and out of the church, is above all praise. A considerable portion of our Conference yet remains to be canvassed, and we indulge the hope that the noble example set by those charges already visited will be fully sustained throughout the entire Conference. The work since its commencement has proceeded with unprecedented rapidity, and should there be no interruption, the buildings will be finished about the first of August next. As the Building Committee, and others, have incurred very heavy responsibilities in the prosecution of this work we trust no reasonable effort will be spared on your part to sustain and help them through with this important undertaking.

We would not close our epistle without solemnly enjoining on you a constant and punctual attendance upon all the means of grace. As Methodists, adhere strictly to the excellent rules of our societies. You are called not unto uncleanness but unto holiness. Holiness should be your

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And now, dear brethren, we hope to come to you in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of peace. Pray for us that the word of the Lord may, through our humble instrumentality, "have free course and be glorified."

We remain yours most affectionately in Christ Jesus,
P. SMITH, *President*.

S. MORRISON, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON THE CLERGY RESERVES.

The Committee to whom was referred the Clergy Reserve Question, respectfully report the following Resolutions for adoption by the Conference:

Resolved,—That this Conference in co-operating with others—their fellow-subjects—to obtain the Secularization of the Clergy Reserves, were actuated by a conviction that all appropriations by the State forming a fund for the support of the ministry of the word in the churches of Christ, are detrimental to the interests of our holy religion, retarding its progress, relaxing its discipline, and causing invidious distinctions among the diversified sects of which the religious community of this country is composed, thereby producing jealousies and heart-burnings among those who otherwise might respect each other, and labor together cordially in the common cause. It is, therefore, with no small degree of surprise and disappointment that we find, after years of painful and protracted effort to obtain the repeal of such appropriations, and on the very eve of the attainment of this much-desired

object, that the act of our Legislature providing for the final "adjustment" of this vexed question, has incorporated therewith a clause for commuting with the Churches, or—what amounts to the same thing—with individuals authorized by their respective Churches, and thereby providing for the perpetuity of the very evil which is ostensibly sought by the act itself to be abolished; for really there can be no difference in regard to the *principle* and *effect* of the thing, between having the churches supported directly from the avails of the lands themselves, and the endowments created by the funding of the sums paid over to the several stipendiaries as provided for by the Act.

Resolved,—That in marking the different stages of the measures taken from time to time by the Legislature for the Secularization of the Reserves, this Conference felt no repugnance to the reservations made to guard against the perpetration of wrong in the case of any individual stipendiary on the funds, inasmuch as it was apparent that the utmost, in regard to this, that was contemplated by either the Provincial or Imperial Parliaments had respect solely to the rights of individuals during their lives or the period of their respective incumbencies; but the provision made for commutation is so constructed that not only may churches be richly and permanently endowed, but some of the individual stipendiaries themselves, by reason of the peculiar organization of their church and the powers of certain church officers among them, be deprived of the personal benefit designed by said reservations.

Resolved,—Therefore, that this Conference will exert its influence by all lawful means to prevent the evils which, under the provision made for such Commutation, may be perpetrated, and to this end will apply to the Government to refrain from commuting until such time as the voice of the country may be more distinctly heard in regard thereto, and in otherwise co-operating with their fellow-subjects to obtain some legislative measure to render nugatory the pernicious clauses of the act, and prevent the churches from thereby creating the permanent endowments, which, it is to be feared, were intended by those who introduced them into the Bill.

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WILLIAM D. BROWN,
L. B. RICHARDSON.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance would beg respectfully to submit the following Resolutions:

Resolved, 1st,—That whereas Intemperance is an evil of fearful magnitude, whether we regard it in its social, moral, or physical aspect, it becomes the duty of all who hold sacred the sentiments of patriotism, philanthropy, or religion, to deeply deplore the wide-spread misery and devastation which it has caused, and to exert every influence which God and nature have placed within their reach to stay the evil in its progress, to relieve the destitute which it has impoverished, and to reclaim its victims to virtue and sobriety from which they have fallen.

Resolved, 2nd,—That we contemplate with gratitude the progress which the cause of Temperance has made, and the public sentiment which it has already secured in our land through the labors of its advocates and the efforts of its adherents, blessed, as they have been, by the providence of the great patron and father of every moral reform.

Resolved, 3rd,—That we are convinced of the impotency and insufficiency of moral suasion, whether employed by organizations or by the Church, to arrest its ravages, and to bring about the great reformation in which the present and eternal interests of so many of our fellow-beings are involved.

Resolved, 4th,—That we recognize Legal Prohibition as the only safe and effectual remedy and preventive for an evil so antiquated, so universal, and so generally sanctioned by the authority and usages of society; and that we deeply deplore the ill fate of the late Prohibitory Bill in the Legislative Halls of our country.

Resolved, 5th,—That we are of opinion that the arguments advanced by its opponents are unsound and untenable; and that if the Government has the prerogative to legislate on

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questions of public interest, to suppress crime, and provide for the security of life and property, it has the right to legislate on a question which involves the sacrifice of so many lives, and of such vast amounts of property annually; and that instead of the revenue of the Province being augmented by the granting of licenses to manufacture and vend alcoholic liquors, the demand made upon the public funds to defray the expenses of Coroner's Inquests, and to support asylums, poor-houses, and prisons, and otherwise, would diminish rather than increase the revenues of our Province.

Resolved, 6th,—That we earnestly recommend the friends of the cause throughout the length and breadth of our land to prosecute their efforts with increasing zeal, and to demand from our Legislature what we believe to be the wish of the great majority of the inhabitants of Canada; and more especially should we bedew the advancement of the Temperance cause with the tears of prayer and supplication, and commit its interests to Almighty God, imploring his smiles and heavenly benediction.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

H. TAYLOR, *Chairman.*

WM. PIRRITE, *Secretary.*

OBITUARY NOTICE.

BROTHER JAMES MITCHEL.

The subject of the following brief sketch was born in Canada East, near Montreal, November 20th, 1801. When quite young, his parents removed into the State of New York, and settled near Lockport, where they soon had an opportunity of hearing the Gospel preached by Methodist Ministers.

At the age of 16 years, he was awakened to a sense of his lost condition as a sinner while listening to the glad tidings of salvation from the lips of some of the early pioneers of Methodism. He soon gave his heart to the Lord, and, through faith in Jesus Christ, received the remission of his sins.

In 1821 Brother M. was united in marriage to Miss ELIZABETH BANGHART, who still lives to suffer the loss of an indulgent and pious companion.

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Shortly after Brother Mitchel's conversion, he was convinced that it was his duty to employ the talents which God had given him, by exhorting sinners to flee from the wrath to come; but, removing to this country in 1821, and settling in the Township of London, then a wilderness, he did not receive a regular license to exhort until 1825. Having given full proof of his piety, zeal, and usefulness as an Exhorter, his brethren authorized him to employ his gifts as a Local Preacher in 1833.

In 1839 Brother Mitchel was received on trial by the Conference, and while his health was sufficient, he labored as an Itinerant in the Vineyard of the Lord. In many places Br. M. was eminently successful in his sermons and exhortations. Stout-hearted sinners were convicted under the word; and when invited to the mourner's seat, our beloved and now departed brother would plead with God for hours in strong crying and supplication, being loath to leave the place until the contrite penitent was made glad in a Saviour's love. Nor were his exertions to lead souls to Christ in vain—God honored him with seals to his ministry, and often filled his own heart

“Unutterably full
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For some years past Brother Mitchel had not been able to do the work of an efficient Minister. He, however, preached occasionally, until his health entirely failed him. His sufferings, at times, were severe, but he bore all with calm resignation to the will of his Heavenly Father; and on the 19th day of February, 1855, his Divine Master released him from all his afflictions, and called him to his eternal rest in glory. “May we die the death of the righteous, and our last end be like his!”

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.

This Board consists of twelve Members, three Ministers, and three Laymen for each Annual Conference, exclusive of the General Superintendents, who are ex-officio Chairmen, and either of whom has power to call Meetings of the Board.

The portion of the Board appointed to this Conference is composed as follows:—

REV. JAMES RICHARDSON,	- - -	Toronto.
REV. THOMAS WEBSTER,	- - -	Hamilton.
REV. I. B. RICHARDSON,	- - -	Georgetown.
JOHN CAMPBELL, Esq.,	- - -	Brooklin.
JOHN CUMMER, Esq.,	- - -	Waterdown.
PETER FISHER, Esq.,	- - -	Port Nelson.

Resolved,—That this Conference would suggest to its portion of the Board the propriety of their conferring with parties, preparatory to the first Meeting of the Board, relative to securing a suitable Principal and Teachers for the Institution.

THE BOOK CONCERN.

[From the Editorial Report on the action of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference on the Book Agency.]

We are pleased to notice that our brethren of the Bay of Quinte Conference went into the matter of the Book Establishment with great zeal. The following are extracts from the Report unanimously adopted by the Conference on this subject:—

“A Book Agent having been appointed, we conceive that, in order to make his office self-sustaining, and ultimately profitable to the Church, it is essentially necessary that there be not only oneness of aim, but a hearty co-operation throughout our entire work. That this may be the case, we recommend that the Preachers do all their business transactions at our General Book Department, so far as our Agent can furnish a supply. * * * As the amount of capital invested in the Book Establishment is very limited, and a credit of only three months is given by the New York Book Concern, we deem it of great importance that the Preachers make their remittances not only with promptitude, but at as short intervals as possible.”

COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Sermons to the 3rd volume, 1st part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, English Grammar (Kirkham's), Geography (Morse's).

2ND YEAR.—Divinity, Bible with notes (Clark's or Benson's), Wesley's Sermons to the 5th volume, 2nd part of Watson's Institutes, Church History (Ruter's), Church Government (Bang's Original Church), Discipline with Hedding's Notes), English Grammar (Kirkham's), Rhetoric.

3RD YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horne's Introduction, Third Part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline,

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4TH YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Watson's Philosophy, Fletcher's Checks, English Grammar (Kirkhams), Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy (Comstock's), Astronomy (Burrett's), Moral Philosophy [Paley's].

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

- I. B. RICHARDSON, Chairman.
- J. W. JACOBS, to examine on the first year's Course of Study.
- S. DUNNETT, " " second " "
- S. MORRISON, " " third " "
- J. RICHARDSON, " " fourth " "

* * Candidates to meet the Committee at Beverly Chapel on the Tuesday immediately preceding the sitting of Conference, at 10, A.M

STEWARDS' REPORT.

Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies of Effective Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.

CIRCUITS.	PREACHERS.	CLAIMS.	RECEIPTS.	DEFICIT.
Toronto District	I. B. Richardson, P. E.	101 10 0	87 10 0	14 0 0
Darlington.....	W. Perritte.....	75 0 0	54 10 11	20 9 1
Ditto.....	F. M. Finn.....	25 0 0	19 15 6½	5 4 5½
Whitby.....	R. B. Cook.....			
Ditto.....	C. W. Fraser.....	6 5 0	2 19 9	3 5 3
Markham.....	George Smith.....	82 5 0	72 5 0	10 0 0
Newmarket.....	T. Robson.....	80 0 0	80 0 0	
Yonge Street.....	H. Dockham.....	100 0 0	93 18 1½	6 1 5½
Toronto.....	W. D. Brown.....		In full.	
Ditto.....	James Draper.....		In full.	
Nelson.....	A. L. Thurstan.....	100 0 0	51 19 4½	48 0 7½
Ditto.....	M. D. Archer.....	100 0 0	51 19 4½	48 0 7½
Georgetown.....	James Gilray.....	80 0 0	In full.	
Ditto.....	A. Crips.....	6 5 0	In full.	
Oakwood.....	R. S. Tindal.....			
Orangeville.....	John Foster.....		13 19 3	
Fergus.....	C. L. Taylor.....			
Niagara District	J. W. Jacobs, P. E.	65 0 0	62 10 0	2 10 0
Hamilton.....	J. Curts.....	62 10 0	50 0 0	12 10 0
Barton.....	S. Morrison.....	100 0 0	100 0 0	
Niagara.....	H. Taylor.....	100 0 0	In full.	
Welland.....	S. E. Ryerson.....			
Rainham.....	G. Bennett.....	52 10 0	35 1 3	17 8 9
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Saltfleet	J. Hayward		In full.	
Tuscarora	A. Bradshaw			
Charlotteville	J. Wood	43 0 0	37 10 0	6 5 0
London District	G. P. Harris	98 0 0	85 10 0	12 10 0
London Station	G. Abbs	100 0 0	86 5 0	13 15 0
London Circuit	A. Jones	110 0 0	In full.	
Ditto	W. S. Wright	35 0 0	In full.	
Maitland				
Stanley				
St. Mary's	T. Daws		In full.	
Southwold				
Howard	S. Atkinson			
Thames	B. Lawrence			
Sandwich	E. Draper	50 0 0	30 0 0	20 0 0
St. Clair	O. C. Collamore			
Bosanquet	N. Roy			
Ditto				
Oxford District	E. Bristol, P. E.	112 10 0	100 0 0	12 10 0
Dumfries	W. F. Low	87 15 0	67 7 6	20 2 6
Ditto	H. J. Kelty	68 15 0	56 2 6	12 12 6
Blenheim	J. Ormerod	125 0 0	100 0 0	25 0 0
Ditto	J. Sherman	25 0 0	20 0 0	5 0 0
Oakland	E. Lounsbury	85 0 0	In full.	
Norwich	J. Gibson	110 0 0	In full.	
Ditto	P. Smith			
Oxford	J. McLean	125 0 0	75 0 0	25 0 0
Dorchester	A. E. Griffith		120 0 0	
Ditto	A. E. Hunsburger			
Embro'	J. W. Byam	58 15 0	In full.	
Malahide	L. P. Smith	80 0 0	In full.	
Vienna	W. D. Hughson	75 0 0	50 0 0	25 0 0
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Huron District	W. Woodward, P. E.			
St. Vincent	S. L. Kerr			
Arthur	W. Woodward			
Kincardine	J. M. Collins			
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Durham	Wm. Campbell			
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APPENDIX.

Names and Standing of the Local Preachers within the bounds of the Niagara Conference.

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- London Circuit—R. Morden, Deacon; Wm. E. Cope, S. J. Lancaster, John P. Morden, Wm. R. Morden, R. McGuffin, W. Loveless.
- London Station—R. Smith and J. Bailey, Deacons; S. C. McNairs.
- Thames—Alfred Scarlet, Deacon; E. Sutton, J. Bobier.
- Southwold—Ira Bently, Deacon; S. B. McCormick, John Walsh, Jarvis Fraser, A. Tallock.
- Bosanquet—S. M. Eastman, Deacon; N. Westover, John Jefferson, Gilman Wilson, George Thompson.
- Sandwich—Henry Scratch, Deacon.
- St. Clair—James D. Dolson, Elder; E. Rykeman.
- Howard—John Morley, John McNeil.
- St. Mary's—T. B. Brown, R. Vines, Deacons; J. Vines.
- Maitland—C. Burdett.
- Stanley—J. Haskin.
- Arthur—D. McShaw.
- Collingwood—H. Kendrick.
- Darlington—James Bradshaw, Elder; Wm. Hill, Deacon; Jared Tyler, James Carscadden, Francis M. Finn.
- Whitby—Gardner Wells, Francis Lattimore, George Fisher, Deacons; John Campbell, Deacon elect; Jeremiah Orser, Joseph Moore, Ralph Harnden, James Gordon.
- Markham—Thomas Jobbit, James Forsyth.
- Nelson—A. Purnell, S. Griffin, M. M. Dimick.
- Georgetown—Morris Kennedy, Deacon; Francis Warren.
- Garafraxa—Samuel Bellamy.
- Toronto—R. Bloomfield, Elder; John Cronkrite.
- Dumfries—M. Hendershot, Deacon elect; M. Bawtinhi-mer, W. Ekins.
- Blenheim—G. F. Hill, Charles Reed, L. White, Deacons.
- Oakland—A. Seaver.
- Dorchester—Ransom Dexter, Deacon; W. Cartwright, Elder; J. Davy, A. Tulloch, Joseph Johnson.
- Norwich—H. Tuttle, Elijah Mudge, Deacons; D. Drake, J. Darling, O. Avery.
- Oxford—A. Burseo, Elder; A. H. Abbott, Asa Cogswell, H. Watts.
- Malahide—O. H. Tyrell, Deacon elect; D. M. Howell.
- Vienna—David Griffin, Elder; F. Headley.

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OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF THE BAY OF QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, HELD IN THE VILLAGE OF BRIGHTON, COUNTY OF NORTHUMBERLAND, COMMENCING ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH, 1855, AND ENDING ON THE TUESDAY FOLLOWING.

QUESTION I.—*What Preachers are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—John C. Pomeroy, J. Calvin Burnell, John Rom-
bough, John Quincy Adams, Daniel Smith, William Henry
Graham, Edward J. Fulford, Isaac B. Aylsworth, James
Smith, Ambrose Hunt, Calvin W. Lent.

QUES. II.—*What Preachers remain on trial?*

ANS.—Alexander McLaren.

QUES. III.—*What Preachers are admitted into full con-
nexion?*

ANS.—Robert Sanderson, Peter P. Pomeroy, Eli Wood-
cock, Daniel N. Robinson.

QUES. IV.—*Who are the Deacons?*

ANS.—Josiah P. Sparrow, Wm. A. Sills, John D. Bell,
Robert Sanderson,* Peter P. Pomeroy,* Eli Woodcock,*
Daniel N. Robinson.*

QUES. V.—*Who are the Elders?*

ANS.—Joseph Gatchell, Benson Smith, H. H. Johnson,
W. E. Norman, W. Bird, D. Perry, Thad. Lewis, H. Lane,
M. Davy, A. Wright, J. Gardiner, J. Hill, J. McNally, I. N.
D. West, R. Earl, S. Young, D. Wilson, J. F. Wilson, E. Or-
ser, W. Brown, R. Perry, S. W. LaDu, B. W. Blanchard, H.
Williams, W. Graham, J. H. Johnson, T. Plato, D. Brown,
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G. Jones, G. Bissell, J. A. Rogers, G. I. Betts, Daniel Pom-
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QUES. VI.—*Who are the General Superintendents?*

ANS.—John Reynolds, Philander Smith.

*Ordained this year.

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QUES. VII.—*Who are the Supernumeraries?*

ANS.—J. McNally, D. Brown, Ezra Orser, George Bissell.

QUES. VIII.—*Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANS.—Joseph Gatchell, T. Lewis, I. N. D. West, H. H. Johnson, S. W. LaDu, Robert Perry, Michael Davy, D. Perry.

QUES. IX.—*Who have located this year?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. X.—*Who have been expelled this year?*

ANS.—D. F. Hutchinson.

QUES. XI.—*Who have withdrawn this year?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. XII.—*Were the Preachers' characters examined?*

ANS.—This was strictly attended to.

QUES. XIII.—*Who have died this year?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. XIV.—*What are the numbers in Society?*

ANSWER.

Hope	130	Leeds & Escott.....	106
Brighton.....	297	Crosby.....	187
Rawdon.....	179	Rideau.....	111
Hallowell.....	141	Eganville.....	90
Belleville.....	40	Stormont.....	28
Bay Quinte.....	221	Westmeath.....	41
Wolf Island.....	69	Percy.....	229
Elizabethtown.....	140	Sidney.....	360
Matilda.....	111	Consecon.....	72
Bonna Cheur.....	130	Kingston.....	189
Winchester.....	108	Napanee.....	183
Brockville.....	100	Waterloo.....	456
Cobourg.....	63	Farmersville.....	170
Seymour.....	77	Augusta.....	153
Huntington.....	234	Bytown.....	69
Milford.....	100	Ottawa.....	51
Tyendinaga.....	350	Hinchinbrook.....	115
Camden.....	260	Traveling Preachers.....	57
Total.....		5417	
Total last year.....		5013	
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QUES.—XV.—What is the amount of the Fifth Col-
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Circuits.	Amounts.	Circuits.	Amounts.
Waterloo	£2 4 1	D. A. Summers	£0 5 0
Napanee	17 4	J. Cassleman	5 0
Percy & Seymour	19 3	Tyendingaga	3 0 0
Belleville	9 0	Augusta	19 7 1/2
Sidney	2 0 0	C. Lane, Esq.	5 0
Bonna Cheur	<1 5 0	Cobourg	2 3 1
Hallowell	2 5 9	Hon. E. Perry	5 0
S. Osborne, Esq.	5 0	C. R. Mallory	5 0
J. Orser	5 0	N. Mallory	5 0
J. Delong	5 0	E. Kelly	5 0
Bay of Quinte	18 9	Farmersville	18 9
Elizabethtown	1 3 7	Hope	2 2 11
Crosby	1 0 0	Kingston	9 6
Milford	17 0	Matilda	1 5 0
Rideau	10 0	Brighton	2 0 1
Consecon	2 1 8	S. Wait	5 0
Brockville	12 6	J. M. Merriman	5 0
Camden	1 6 6	Rawdon	1 14 7 1/2
Kingston	18 9	D. Couch	5 0
Ottawa	14 0	Escott (no returns.)	
Winchester & Stormont	1 10 0	Bytown do	
C. L. Cassleman	5 0	Sabbath collection	3 0 0
W. Shaver	5 0		
Total	£42 0 6		

QUES. XVI.—To whom paid out?

ANSWER.

Joseph Gatchell	£6 15 1	S. W. LaDu	£6 15 1
H. H. Johnson	6 15 1	Widow Powley	3 7 6 1/2
Thad. Lewis	6 15 1	Widow Sills	3 7 6 1/2
I. N. D. West	6 15 1	Stationery at Conf.	1 10 0
Total	£42 0		

QUES. XVII.—Where are the Preachers stationed?

ANSWER.

BAY QUINTE DISTRICT.—J. GARDINER, P. E.

Hope—Wm. Graham, one to be sent; T. Lewis, superannuated.

Cobourg—A. McLaren; J. Gatchell, superannuated.

Brighton—J. F. Wilson, John Pomeroy; S. W. LaDu, superannuated; G. I. Betts, left without an appointment at his own request.

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Rawdon—John A. Rogers.
Huntingdon and Elzevir—N. H. Howard.
Sidney—S. Young, one to be sent.
Belleville—D. Wilson; W. Bird, Agent of the Belleville Seminary.
Hallowell—B. W. Blanchard, J. Q. Adams; E. Orser, Supernumerary.
Consecon—Robert Sanderson.
KINGSTON DISTRICT.—B. SMITH, P. E.
Tyendinaga—H. Williams, J. Rombough; D. Brown, supernumerary.
Napanee—R. Earl.
Bay Quinte—J. G. Bull, W. Sills; R. Perry, superannuated.
Hinchinbrook—Thomas Plato.
Waterloo—John Tuke, W. H. Graham.
Kingston—I. B. Ayelsworth; J. H. Johnson, General Agent for the Belleville Seminary.
Wolf Island—I. N. D. West, superannuated.
Gananoque and Escotte—J. C. Burnell.
Camden—J. Hill; D. Perry, superannuated.
AUGUSTA DISTRICT.—A. WRIGHT, P. E.
Brockville—P. P. Pomeroy.
Augusta—W. Brown. *Elizabethtown*—H. Lane: to change alternately every two weeks; G. Bissell, supernumerary.
Farmersville—G. Jones.
Crosby—Daniel Pomeroy.
Rideau—J. D. Bell.
Matilda and Stormont—J. W. Sills, A. Hunt; M. Davy, superannuated.
Winchester—Daniel Smith.
Ottawa and Lachute—D. N. Robinson, C. W. Lent; J. McNally, supernumerary.
Ottawa City—C. Manson.

Westmeath—James Smith.

Bonna Cheur and Eganville—J. P. Sparrow, E. J. Fulford.

Madawaska—To be supplied.

PASTORAL ADDRESS.

To the Members of the Societies of the Bay of Quinte Conference.

DEARLY BELOVED BRETHREN,—Having completed the business of this session of the Conference, we deem it to be our duty to address you respecting the interest, improvement, and advancement of our Church. Our object is not merely to gratify you with a detail of the satisfactory results of our deliberations; but principally to ensure your continued and increasing effort, to assist us in our enterprise of consolidating our establishment on a basis, which cannot be moved by any effort of human subtlety or sectarian agency. We have the pleasing information to communicate to you, that we have acquired an accession of a greater number of men than is usual; all apparently of a class of character which would indicate that they are competent, if their energies are rightly directed, to render us the most efficient service. It is hoped, and your prayers to the Head of the Church are solicited, that such an effect may result from their ministry. You are aware from observation, and we know from experience, that nothing short of Divine influence can render us eminently successful. It is, we presume, our duty to send, and your part to sustain. It is our duty to labor; but if so, it is your duty to render us that support without which we cannot endure. There is one plan which we would advise in order to this end, and that is, to pray for your ministers; for indeed to pray for them is in effect to supply them with the necessaries of life. He who prays will not pray long before he feels his heart sensibly touched with the wants of his brethren, and his hands moved to administer to their necessities.

Whatever may have been our success in the past, you know we were once accounted as a cypher; but unit after unit has been added, till we have become numerically great. We attribute no glory to ourselves, nor to you. Our Head, by our united instrumentality, has done it all. He has been pleased to make us stand in Israel, and bear our ensign as

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a tribe of his chosen. Our enemies predicted our ruin.— But he who has the control of all elements in every department of his kingdom, has made us a people amongst his people, has given us the patrimony of our Fathers, and established in this country the originality of our Church. It was but yesterday, comparatively, that our Fathers, now passing away, repaired our ruined temple—in the midst of our enemies,—and now, to-day, you can perceive its aspiring turrets. We refer this to our Lord Jesus Christ. And now the fact is, though opposition may question our legitimacy, they cannot doubt our Divinity. Facts show, to demonstration, that “God is with us;” and large accessions in our numbers made by Divine influence, confirm the truth. “Brethren, pray for us.”

Our Missionary efforts are similar in mode to such as were made by our predecessors. We are not confined in our operations to the limits of cities, towns and villages—the wilderness and solitary places constitute our ground; the poor and destitute are our objects. Those who have no means to help themselves, we help by your help, and make spiritually rich by your pecuniary benefactions. Is it asked, does the Lord of glory overlook our dwarfish efforts? Go to the North; extend your views to the South; lengthen your prospect to the East and West, and let facts speak. Increase of men, enlargement of fields, ingathering of precious souls, increase of heavenly light, and decrease of hellish night.— The shanty has become the place of prayer and praise; the log cabin the sanctuary of the Most High, and the perishing poor now partake of the bread and water of life in the wilderness.

To sustain our Missions, we look to you for voluntary contributions; and surely you cannot withhold a small tithe of your abundance. Brethren, we are not time-serving characters, waiting, as dependents, for the mites which fall from the tables of the money-changers. We do not solicit the patronage of our government, asking directly or indirectly for the portion of provincial goods that justly fall to our share in common with others, if justice awards it properly to any. No, Brethren; the voluntary system must sustain our Missions, if they are sustained; your contributions must do the work, or it is undone.

Our Literary Institution, the Seminary, deserves your notice and regard. It is a standing monument of what the

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few can do to promote the educational improvement of our country. It has stability marked distinctly on the foundation, beauty and strength on its superstructure. Who projected it? is it asked. We. Who built it? *You and our friends.* And who is to complete it? *You and they,* by the help of God. But whom will you bless by its erection? Your children and your children's children, to the third and fourth generation, who will have acquired a rational, liberal education within its walls. Brethren, let it not be said by any, "they began to build, but were not able to finish." Meet its agents with the grace of liberality! hail them as the precursors of your educational prosperity; relieve by your seasonable benevolence, those who, to serve the many, voluntarily burthened themselves.

Our Book Concern, which is now designed to be an auxiliary to our Seminary, and a medium of conveying useful knowledge to every department of our church, claims a liberal share of your patronage. Its agency, which has, at this session, received increased effectiveness, drafting from its replenished resources, will be able to supply you satisfactorily. We are not so illiberal as to exact your entire purchases, but if we have books which you need, we hope to have the preference. Consider; its proceeds are to be applied, after defraying the expenses of the establishment, to the relief of our way worn and infirm ministers. If "Charity begins at home," where nigher home than this can it begin? Books are increasing as well as men; knowledge is progressing in such a ratio as it never did before. Let us move with the impetus of its progression, and assist in extending that knowledge which will eventually cover the earth.

The Temperance Reform has met our merited attention. We are not, to be sure, nominally "Sons," "Rechabites," "Knights," or "Templars;" but we are in principle and in action. Though not systematically connected with any such association, we are now, what we always have been, *decided Advocates of Temperance.* Believe us to be such, and while we preach temperance to you, be as a church what we are as a Conference, a *Temperance Society.* May God speed the progress of Reform, till every noxious plant of Intemperance is eradicated from our country.

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your children taught the Bible; and let it be done whenever and wherever it is practicable, by Sabbath Schools. It may appear a small business for men and women; but bless your children with a liberal education in christian principles, and you will perpetuate a system of training which has been and must be a blessing to our world. It has the sanction of Him who has said, "Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven."

And now, dear Brethren, to your just sympathy we commend our worn-out Preachers and the widows and orphans of your once active and enterprising Ministers. Minister to them of the things of this life, and he who "loves the cheerful giver," will reward you openly; he will apply it as having been done to himself before assembled worlds; he will declare it before men and angels, though done to the least of his Brethren, as having been done to himself.

And now, Brethren, we commend ourselves, and you, our people, and the sheep of the Lord's pasture, to the good Shepherd and Bishop of our souls, who, if we are faithful unto death, will reward us with everlasting life.

P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

J. H. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*

CONFERENCE ROOM,
Brighton, 12th June, 1855. }

REPORT ON THE CLERGY RESERVES.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF THE CLERGY RESERVES, ADOPTED BY THE BAY OF QUINTE ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN CANADA, ON FRIDAY, 8TH JUNE, 1855.

To the Members of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, in Conference assembled.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Clergy Reserves, beg leave to report the following Resolutions for its adoption:—

1st, That this Conference desires to re-assert the position it has taken in former years relative to the serious evils growing out of the existence of Clergy Reserves in this Province, believing that such appropriations have a tendency to corrupt those branches of the Church receiving them, and to promote discord and strife throughout the commonwealth.

2nd, That the present Provincial Parliament was elected with a particular view to terminate the agitations on this vexed question, by some judicious measure of complete secularization.

3rd, That, while we have looked upon the existing incumbents upon these Reserves, as having no just right to what they receive, we have, nevertheless, acquiesced in the reservation made in their favor by the Imperial Act, as a sort of compromise, trusting that the evils would die with the individual incumbents themselves.

4th, That we regard the provisions for commutation, contained in the present Provincial Act, as a direct infringement of the voluntary principle, rendering, as it effectually does, the Ministers of those bodies receiving the Reserves, independent of their people, by pensioning them, in all time to come, upon a fund derived originally from the State.

5th, That the position of the Voluntaries of this Province, is, at best, a humiliating one; after many years of sacrifice in a just cause, and their demands apparently about to be complied with, to be compelled to witness the recipients of State patronage, obtaining a much larger share of public spoils than they would themselves have demanded as the price of an adjustment years ago.

6th, That we enter our indignant protest against the fraud recently perpetrated against the rights of the people of Upper Canada in relation to this question, and trust that successful steps may speedily be taken up by the proper authorities to remove the obnoxious commutation clause from our Statute Books.

J. H. JOHNSON, *Chairman*.
DAVID WILSON.
DANIEL POMEROY.

COMMITTEE ROOM,
Brighton, June 7th, 1855.

I certify the above to be a true copy.
J. H. JOHNSON, *Conference Secretary*.
COBOURG, 13th June, 1855.

BOARD OF MANAGERS FOR THE BELLEVILLE SEMINARY.

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of the General Superintendents, who are ex-officio Chairmen, and either of whom has power to call meetings of the Board.

The portion of the Board appointed for this Conference, is composed as follows:—

REV. BENSON SMITH,	-	-	-	-	Kingston.
“ S. W. LADU,	-	-	-	-	Brighton.
“ WILLIAM BROWN,	-	-	-	-	Prescott.
C. R. MALLORY, ESQ.,	-	-	-	-	Cobourg.
PHILIP CARMAN, ESQ.,	-	-	-	-	Matilda.
HIRAM BUCKLEY, ESQ.,	-	-	-	-	Brighton.

Resolved, That this Conference would suggest to its portion of the Board the propriety of their conferring with parties, preparatory to the first meeting of the Board, relative to securing a suitable Principal and Teachers for the Institution.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That in future, all the statistics connected with our Sabbath Schools, as also the sum total of all moneys collected for the missions, and all other general connexional purposes, be included in the returns from the Circuits, and published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That, hereafter, the Stewards' Reports for the several Circuits include, under the head of table and incidental expenses, the amount of house-keeping, fuel, rent, or parsonage; and that the Presiding Elders be instructed to lay this matter before the Quarterly Meetings, so that their estimates may be made accordingly.

Resolved, That, in the opinion of this Conference, it is the duty of the Preachers to hold Missionary Meetings in their charges; and the Presiding Elders are instructed to prepare a general series of Missionary Meetings for their respective districts, and the Deputations are required to meet these appointments, when duly notified.

EXAMINING COMMITTEE.

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COURSE OF STUDY.

1ST YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Sermons to the 3rd volume, 1st part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, English Grammar (Kirkhams), Geography (Morse's).

2ND YEAR.—Divinity, Bible with notes (Clark's or Benon's), Wesley's Sermons to the 5th volume, 2nd part of Watson's Institutes, Church History (Ruter's), Church Government (Bang's Original Church), Discipline with Hedding's Notes), English Grammar (Kirkham's), Rhetoric.

3RD YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Wesley's Notes, Horne's Introduction, Third Part of Watson's Institutes, Discipline, Natural Philosophy (Comstock's), Astronomy (Smith's), Logic (Hedge's), Mental Philosophy (Upham's), English Grammar (Kirkhams), Rhetoric.

4TH YEAR.—Divinity, Bible, Watson's Philosophy, Fletcher's Checks, English Grammar (Kirkhams), Rhetoric, Natural Philosophy (Comstock's), Astronomy (Burrett's), Moral Philosophy [Paley's].

THE BOOK CONCERN.

[From the Editorial Report on the action of the Bay of Quinte Annual Conference on the Book Agency.]

We are pleased to notice that our brethren of the Bay of Quinte Conference went into the matter of the Book Establishment with great zeal. The following are extracts from the Report unanimously adopted by the Conference on this subject:—

"A Book Agent having been appointed, we conceive that, in order to make his office self-sustaining, and ultimately profitable to the Church, it is essentially necessary that there be not only oneness of aim, but a hearty co-operation throughout our entire work. That this may be the case, we recommend that the Preachers do all their business transactions at our General Book Department, so far as our Agent can furnish a supply. * * * As the amount of capital invested in the Book Establishment is very limited, and a credit of only three months is given by the New York Book Concern, we deem it of great importance that the Preachers make their remittances not only with promptitude, but at as short intervals as possible."

QUES.—XVI.—*When and where shall the next Conference be held?*

ANS.—At Farmersville, County of Leeds, on the first Wednesday in June, 1856, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

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STEWARDS' REPORT.

Claims, Receipts, and Deficiencies of Effective Preachers within the bounds of the Bay of Quinte Conference.

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Bay Qui. Dist.	J. Gardiner, P. E.		82 9 8	
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Augusta	W. Brown	103 0 0	103 0 0	
Farmersville	G. Jones	100 0 0	90 0 0	10 0 0
Rideau	J. W. Sills	70 0 0	52 10 0	17 10 0
Bytown	C. Manson	115 0 0	115 0 0	
Crosby	J. Hill	83 0 0	79 17 1	3 2 11
Belleville	W. Bird		63 10 11½	
Elizabethtown ..	H. Lane	75 0 0	65 0 0	10 0 0
Milford	T. Plato	80 0 0	60 2 5½	19 17 7½
Hallowell	J. G. Bull	90 0 0	90 0 0	
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Percy	N. H. Howard	85 0 0	85 0 0	
Brighton	J. F. Wilson	100 0 0	100 0 0	
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Camden	D. Wilson	75 0 0	69 0 0	6 0 0
Bay Quinte	B. W. Blanchard	90 0 0	90 0 0	
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Names and Standing of Local Preachers of the M. E. Church, within the bounds of the Bay Quinte Conference.

- Hope—James Lent, Deacon; David Lent, Joseph Stone Deacon.
- Cobourg—J. Knott.
- Brighton—J. Webster, Elder; Hugh McPhail, Abel Fennell, C. P. Werden.
- Percy—J. L. Sweet, Deacon; E. Werden, S. Wait.
- Huntingdon—Peter Wright, John Border, E. Andrews.
- Rawdon—John Raynous, J. K. Philips.
- Sidney—Wm. Connor.
- Hollowell—S. Terwilligar, Elder; B. Hannah.
- Milford—Wm. Raynous, Deacon; Wm. Williams.
- Tyendinaga—Wm. Bennet, Wm. Sills, Deacon; J. Brenton.
- Napanee—Augustus Shorts, Elder; Samuel Shorts, Deacon; D. Unger, Deacon; J. B. Huffman.
- Bay Quinte—M. German, Deacon; Geo. Sills, Elder.
- Camden—C. Thompson, Elder; P. G. Selden, Deacon; Benj. Lewis, John Simmons.
- Kingston—B. Atkinson.
- Elizabethtown—Joseph Mallory.
- Crosby—Wm. Brown, Elder; A. Wiltse.
- Rideau—J. Andrews, Elder; E. Landon, Deacon.
- Augusta—J. C. Bass, A. B. Pardee.
- Matilda—E. Tuttle.
- Winchester—B. Meeker, Deacon; J. Errett, Deacon.
- Ottawa—J. Pickering.
- Bonna Cheur—G. Hutton, J. Putnam.
- Waterloo—E. Ash, Elder; Z. David, J. McMullen, Abram Babcock.
- Farmersville—R. Stevens.
- Hinchinbrook—James Babcock.
- Consecon—A. Wood, Deacon.

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